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SUBJ: VIET CONG REPRESENTATIVES VISIT MALTA

1. TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM VISITED MALTA JANUARY 24-27. ACCORDING TO THE MALTESE PRESS, THE PRG OFFICIALS WERE "MR. VUN GOCHO", REPORTEDLY A SPECIAL ENVOY OF "PRESIDENT NGUYEN HUU THO", AND "MR. LOUNG MINH." STATED PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO STRENGTHEN THE "FRIENDLY RELATIONS" BETWEEN MALTA AND THE PRG. MR. VUN GOCHO REPORTEDLY SAID UPON DEPARTURE THAT HE WOULD REPORT TO HIS "GOVERNMENT" ON THE GOM'S POLICY WHICH SUPPORTS THE PRG "STRUGGLE FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION."

2. COMMENT: WHILE IN MALTA, THE PRG REPRESENTATIVES STAYED AT SAN ANTON PALACE AS GUESTS OF PRESIDENT SIR ANTHONY MAMO AND MET WITH PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF AND OTHER GOM OFFICIALS. THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY GOM COMMENT AS TO WHY THE VISIT TOOK PLACE. IT COULD HAVE RESULTED FROM CHINESE PRODDING DURING MINTOFF'S RECENT TRIP TO CHINA. THIS IS A FURTHER EXAMPLE OF MINTOFF'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PAY HIS DUES IN THE GAME OF NON-ALIGNED POLITICS. MALTA HAS HAD "DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" WITH THE PRG SINCE SEPTEMBER 1973, ALTHOUGH RESIDENT MISSIONS HAVE NOT BEEN

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